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SUBJECT:MODE NASA WORK STUDY ASSIGNMENT

1. NASA HAS REPORTED THE ASSIGNMENT IN 1975 OF THREE US PERSONNEL TO THE HAGUE IN ORDER TO INCREASE LIAISON WITH THE EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY AND ITS FIELD CENTER, ESTEC, IN CONNECTION WITH THE COOPERATIVE SPACELAB PROGRAM.

2. EXPLANATION GIVEN BY NASA READS: QUOTE. THE INCREASE AT THE HAGUE TO PROVIDE COOPERATION WITH ESTEC WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY TRANSFERRING THREE PERSONNEL FROM THE UNITED STATES TO THE HAGUE. THESE ACTIONS WERE COORDINATED WITH THE APPROPRIATE PERSONS IN THE HAGUE BUT THROUGH OVERSIGHT WERE NOT REPORTED (FOR MODE CONTROL PROCESSING). THESE PERSONNEL WERE MR. CHRISTIAN HAUFF FROM MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER, MR. WILLIAM OYLER FROM THE JOHN F. KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, AND MR. MELVIN BROOKS FROM THE JOHNSON SPACE CENTER.

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THESE PERSONNEL WERE TRANSFERRED UNDER A TRAINING AGREEMENT

ARRANGEMENT; HOWEVER, SINCE THEIR TOUR WILL BE FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS WE ARE INCLUDING THEM UNDER THE REGULAR MODE CEILING AUTHORIZATION. END QUOTE.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE THREE POSITIONS IS COVERED BY OFFSET WITHIN THE CURRENT WORLDWIDE MODE CEILING FOR NASA. UNLESS EMBASSY HAS REASONS TO QUESTION THE PROPRIETY OF THE CHANGE, DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED TO REGULARIZE CREATION OF THESE POSITIONS EX POST FACTO. PLEASE CONFIRM. (APPROVAL WOULD BRING THE NETHERLANDS NASA COMPLEMENT TO A TOTAL OF 5 US PERSONNEL.) MAW

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